
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

PROPOSED SUB A FOR S-2391 HAS BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 12, 2022

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Reappointment of Angela M. Paulhus as Magistrate of Rhode Island Family Court

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2093](#)

BY F Lombardi, Archambault, McCaffrey, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCIAL RECEIVERSHIP ACT

{LC3941/1} (Creates temporary non-liquidating receivership program for businesses with substantial revenue decline after declared emergency/suspended/ceased substantial part of operation resulting by emergency police/regulatory powers.)

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/08/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/06/2022 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2217](#)

BY Sosnowski, Coyne, McCaffrey, Euer, Gallo, Seveney, Valverde, Felag, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL {LC3880/1} (Creates appointment of executive

director of coastal resources management as an employee and respected staff of coastal resource management to coordinate with DEM and division leaders to plan management of coastal resources.)

02/08/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/01/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/06/2022 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2351](#)

BY Coyne, McCaffrey, Archambault, F Lombardi, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES {LC4637/1} (Increases the amount forwarded to Rhode Island Legal

Services from court filing fees for the entry of every petition, complaint or action in district, superior and family court.)

02/15/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/05/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/06/2022 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2391](#)

BY Seveney, DiPalma, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL

POWERS--PORTSMOUTH MUNICIPAL COURT {LC4753/1} (Repeals the current authorization for town of Portsmouth municipal court and establishes authorization which expands the jurisdiction of Portsmouth municipal court to include a municipal housing court to adjudicate violations of the state building code.)

02/15/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/07/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/09/2022 Meeting postponed

05/06/2022 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2397](#)

BY Raptakis, Archambault, F Lombardi, Lombardo, Sosnowski, Felag, E Morgan, Euer, Anderson, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN {LC3339/1}

(Repeals the requirement that law enforcement officers issue only warnings of the risks to persons leaving a child under the age of seven (7) unattended in a motor vehicle.)

02/15/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/10/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/06/2022 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2402](#)

BY Gallo, Pearson, Goodwin, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -

DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT {LC4349/1} (Requires that the secretary of EOHHS, the secretary of commerce of the commerce corporation and the commissioners of elementary and secondary education and postsecondary education be appointed subject to the approval of the senate.)

02/15/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/01/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/06/2022 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2776](#)

(Judiciary)

BY F Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION {LC5068/1} (Corrects the erroneous misdemeanor classification of the criminal offense of fraudulent conversion by agent or factor.)

03/24/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/07/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/06/2022 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2805](#)

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY F Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS {LC5336/1} (Effective January 1, 2023, creates Superior Court jurisdiction over all appeals of tax administrators concerning assessment, deficiency, refund claim, license or permit. It creates an exemption for the taxpayer from prepayment as a condition precedent.)

03/24/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/28/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/06/2022 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2809](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SECRETARY OF STATE {LC5319/1} (Authorizes the secretary of state and board of elections to conduct an extensive cybersecurity assessment of our election systems and facilities and to establish a cybersecurity review board.)

03/24/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/28/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/06/2022 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2775](#)

(Attorney General)

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENTS OF WAGES {LC5061/1} (Increases the criminal penalties for wage theft and employee misclassification.)

03/24/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/01/2022 Meeting postponed

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2227](#)

(by request)

BY Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC3727/1} (Authorizes the potential appointment of pro bono attorneys, supervised law students and from a list maintained by the DEM to act as animal advocates in animal cruelty and abuse cases, at the court's discretion, to serve the interests of justice.)

02/08/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2445](#)

BY Murray, Lombardo, Kallman, DiMario, Valverde, Raptakis, Miller, Archambault, Sosnowski, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC4886/1} (Prohibits declawing of a cat or other animal, unless a licensed veterinarian has determined that the procedure is necessary for a therapeutic purpose. Any person who violates this section would be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000.)

03/01/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2701](#)

BY Ciccone, Lombardo, Gallo, Picard, F Lombardi, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY ACT {LC5526/1} (Creates the "animal abuser registry act" which would require all persons convicted of felonies involving animal abuse, to register with an online registry to be established and maintained by the department of public safety.)

03/17/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2798](#)

BY Archambault, Kallman, Burke, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC5549/1} (Bans the sale of cosmetics developed/manufactured using animal testing. A violation would be a \$1,000 fine for each offense.)

03/24/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/29/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/02/2022 Meeting postponed

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2906](#)

BY Goodwin, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS -- CATALYTIC CONVERTERS {LC5740/1} (Requires a purchaser of a catalytic converter to obtain a copy of the registration for the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed and provide said copy to law enforcement.)

04/26/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2904](#)

BY Archambault, Burke, F Lombardi, Coyne, Ruggerio, Euer, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC5739/1} (Allows persons convicted of felonies punishable by 10 years or less to file to expunge records after 5 years after sentence completion except felonies of sex registration/ domestic violence/weapons)

04/26/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2643](#)

BY Quezada, Murray, Bell, Cano, Euer, Kallman, Acosta, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HOMICIDE {LC5177/1} (Abolishes penalty of life without parole and amends/repeals all sections of general laws regulating prisoners serving a sentence of life without parole. It would have prospective and retroactive effect for any offense committed after January 1, 1991.)

03/10/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2779](#)

BY Mendes, Calkin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE {LC4645/1} (Prohibits the court from setting financial conditions of bail.)

03/24/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [2391 SUB A](#)

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